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For: **ALKYLENE OXIDE MODIFIED  
HARDWOOD CELLULOSE**

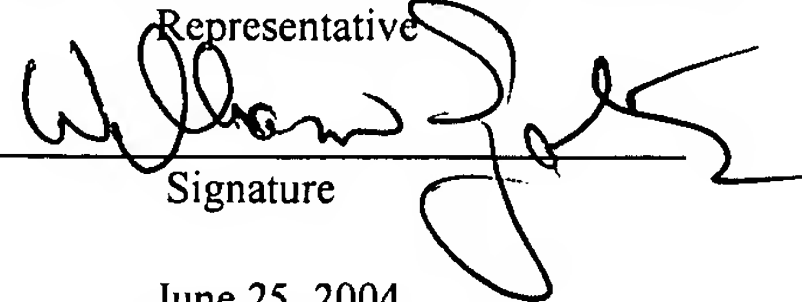
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**AMENDMENT**

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This is submitted in response to the Official Action mailed February 24, 2004.

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